

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and
Washington State Department of Ecology
Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment
DRAFT Hazardous Waste Permit Modification



Philip Services Georgetown Facility
734 South Lucille Street, Seattle, WA
EPA NO. WAD 00081 2909
August 3, 2001

ATTENTION: This Public Notice announces a sixty (60) day public comment period, August 4 through October 3, 2001 for an Agency-proposed modification to the hazardous waste permit for the Philip Services' Georgetown facility. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) propose to transfer administrative responsibility for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrective action from EPA to Ecology.

Background and Proposed Permit Modification

Philip Services, Inc. stores and treats hazardous wastes at the Georgetown facility. An existing permit covers both management of the hazardous waste and cleanup of contamination caused by past activities at the facility. Ecology and EPA issued the permit jointly, with EPA bearing oversight responsibility for the cleanup process. The permit describes the corrective action requirements that Philip Services is required to perform to clean up the contamination. EPA and Ecology are proposing to transfer oversight responsibility to Ecology as the lead agency. All other aspects of the cleanup, including schedules will remain the same as the permit modification EPA recently issued. The effect of this proposed modification is purely administrative.

You Have a Chance to Participate

Written comments are invited on the proposed permit modification. Comments will be accepted through October 3, 2001. Comments should include factual grounds and supporting material or references. A copy of the proposed permit modification is available on the EPA web page at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/owcm.nsf/permits> and for review Monday through Friday at the Beacon Hill Library, 2519 15th Avenue S., Seattle, WA or at the U.S. EPA Regional Office, 1200 Sixth Avenue, 10th Floor Library, Seattle, WA.

If significant interest is expressed, EPA and Ecology may conduct a public hearing. To ask for the hearing, contact Howard Orlean by letter or e-mail at the address listed below by August 17, 2001. If you have questions, call 206-553-2851. You may also call on or after August 20, 2001 to find out if a public hearing will be scheduled. If the public hearing is held, EPA and Ecology will conduct an open house followed by the public hearing to take formal comments on the proposed permit modification.

All comments received in writing during the public comment period and orally during the public hearing (if held) will be considered by EPA and Ecology in making final decisions regarding the permit modification.

Please send comments by October 3, 2001 to: Howard Orlean, EPA Project Manager, 1200 Sixth Avenue, MS/WCM-121, Seattle, WA 98101 or e-mail to: Orlean.Howard@epa.gov
E-mailed comments should include your name and mailing address.